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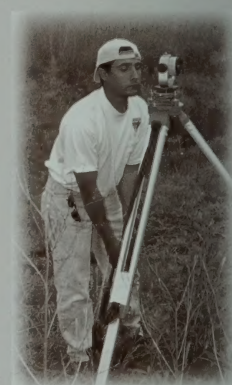
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## WELCOME TO EASTERN STATES



As "Guardians of the Past—Stewards for the Future," the Bureau of Land Management's Eastern States Office plays an important role in achieving the Department of the Interior's vision of conservation through cooperation, consultation, and communication.

Conservation is at the core of the Bureau's mission—to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands

for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. In the 31 Eastern States, conservation covers a broad range of responsibilities, including land management, mineral leasing, cadastral surveying, fire management, and wild horse and burro herd management through adoptions to caring people.

Cooperation is essential to Eastern States' ability to fulfill these responsibilities. We have developed numerous partnerships that allow us to accomplish so much more than we could on our own, from planning for a new land acquisition on the lower Potomac River with Charles County and the State of Maryland to working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reduce fire fuels and the threat of wildland fire on public lands.

Consultation with the public, industry, and other stakeholders is critical to the success of our programs. For example, through consultation we were able to identify common goals and desired outcomes on public lands at Jupiter Inlet in Florida and better address industry concerns about oil and gas field operations.

And finally, communication is generally the ingredient that determines whether or not an action succeeds. At Eastern States, we are committed to fostering communication with our publics and providing quality customer service. Discussions with congressional members and staff and our quarterly newsletter help us to serve the American people and care for our valuable resources.

Gayle F. Gordon  
EASTERN STATES DIRECTOR

## HISTORY, MISSION, AND VISION

In 1946, the Grazing Service merged with the General Land Office (GLO) to form the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The BLM was charged with managing the Nation's Public Domain—the lands held in Federal ownership for the benefit of the American people. Eastern States Land Office (ESLO) carried on the GLO business of providing cadastral survey records and land title information from BLM's headquarters office in Washington, DC. By 1954, the BLM had taken on Federal onshore minerals responsibilities, resulting in greater activity in the Eastern States. More and more natural resource-related challenges emerged in the East, and soon the ESLO began to operate in the same manner as BLM offices in the 12 Western States, where most of the public land is located. The ESLO officially became the BLM's Eastern States Office on April 8, 1980. Eastern States has played and will continue to play a central role in fostering the acquisition, management, and conservation of public lands and resources in the 31 States east of and bordering on the Mississippi River, which includes 20,000 surface acres of public lands and more than 39 million acres of subsurface Federal mineral estate. The surface acreage we manage for the American public is important for recreation and resource protection, especially because of its location in the highly populated East. We continually seek input from the public and forge new partnerships to ensure these lands and resources are managed effectively.



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#### General Land Office Records

- Posted an additional 200,524 serialized land patent records online. There are now 4.2 million land patent records online, including records from 30 Public Domain States: in the East—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Ohio, and Wisconsin; in the West (pre-1908)—Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Montana, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.



General Land Office records date back to 1787. They are available at the Eastern States Office, and on the Web at [www.glorcads.blm.gov](http://www.glorcads.blm.gov).

#### Lands and Realty

- Acquired over 800 acres of land known as Meadowood Farm in Fairfax County, Virginia, which will provide open space for a variety of recreational opportunities, wild horse and burro and environmental education, and interpretation for BLM's resource management programs.
- Worked on a cooperative project with the State of Maryland to acquire and jointly manage approximately 1,270 acres of waterfront property along the lower Potomac River in Charles County, Maryland.
- Completed transfer of the last Michigan Public Lands Improvement Act tract.
- Produced a guide to assist groups in filing applications under the Recreation and Public Purposes Act, specifically for lighthouses.
- Designed and produced a new Web site for the Eastern States' Lighthouse Transfer Program. The site describes the program goals and provides updates on specific properties.
- Released the draft planning analysis for public lands in Arkansas and Louisiana.
- Approved the Florida Resource Management Plan Amendment for a tract in Polk County, Florida.



Big Table Lighthouse in Michigan is part of the Lighthouse Transfer program.

#### Hazardous Materials Management

- Conducted environmental site assessments for the Railroad Site in Bayfield, Wisconsin; Meadowood Farm in Virginia; and the Douglas Point tract in Charles County, Maryland.
- Assessed five other sites for potential hazardous materials during lighthouse relinquishments in Florida and Michigan.

#### Renewable Resources

##### Recreation

- Inventoried or assessed 203 acres for recreation resources and evaluated 19 acres of recreation areas.
- Continued to pursue recreational/educational opportunities at 98 acres of shrub/scrubland-wetland at Jupiter Inlet, Florida.
- Monitored recreation use at the 72 public islands in Lake Vermilion, Minnesota; maintained and enhanced the fishing and day-use picnicking opportunities.
- Participated in the "Fishing Has No Boundaries" event held in Eagle River, Wisconsin.
- Cosponsored "Pathways to Fishing" with the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science and the Jackson Bass Club at LeFleur's Bluff State Park.



Picnickers enjoy one of the public islands in Minnesota.

##### Cultural Resources

- Conducted a cultural resources study in Searcy County, Arkansas, on 40 acres; found a rock-shelter site eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

#### Fish and Wildlife Habitat Management/ Soils and Weed Management

- Conducted wildlife, plant, and wetland/lakes inventories on 197 acres in various areas in the Gulf Coast States.
- Conducted soils inventories on 197 acres and weed inventories on 30 acres in Michigan and various Gulf Coast States.
- Applied weed treatments to 50 acres of land at the Jupiter Inlet, Florida, tract.
- Monitored one Florida scrub jay nesting area and one gopher tortoise habitat site on Jupiter Inlet, Florida, tract.
- Conducted fuels reduction activities on an additional 5 acres on the Jupiter Inlet, Florida, tract.



A volunteer plants mangrove seedlings in southern Florida during National Public Lands Day.

#### Multiple Programs/Resources

- Held seven National Public Lands Day events in the States of Alabama (1), Florida (1), Louisiana (1), Missouri (1), Virginia (2), and Wisconsin (1). Recreation, wildlife habitat, and soils resources were enhanced and

maintained in partnership with local groups and individuals in their respective communities.

#### Environmental Education and Outreach

- Received the Department of the Interior's Environmental Achievement Award for America's Outdoors and the Washington, D.C., Wonderful Outdoor World.
- Conducted the ninth annual Environmental Education Camp with Piney Woods School in Mississippi.

#### America's Outdoors

- Provided recreational/environmental information to 968 visitors through the America's Outdoors Conservation Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.
- Reached 1,200 youth through America's Outdoors U.S. Forest Service Branch Out Program and Stewardship Days throughout the Milwaukee metropolitan area and Chicago, Illinois.
- Reached over 160,000 people at the Milwaukee Sports Show.

#### Wonderful Outdoor World

- Received the Award of Excellence in the Associations Advance America Awards Program sponsored by the American Society of Association Executives.
- Conducted 9 Wonderful Outdoor World (WOW) campouts in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area with 30 youngsters participating in each event.
- Helped sponsor "Great Outdoors Week" on the Washington, D.C., National Mall, where about 200 metropolitan area youngsters and DC WOW partners participated.



Wonderful Outdoor World's Eastern States' program advisor Charles Bush helps youngsters set up a tent in Maryland.

#### Urban Tree Houses

- Reached more than 1,600 youth through summer environmental education programming at Urban Tree House sites in Milwaukee and Washington, DC, with training provided to 109 community leaders and 11 school teachers.
- Produced an Urban Tree House video.



The Urban Tree House at Lynden Hill in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, provides environmental education programs.

#### Fire

##### Jackson Interagency Hotshot Crew

- Completed certification training for the only hotshot crew in the East, which was dispatched in June 2001 and fought fires in Florida, Nevada, Utah, and Montana.
- Assisted in prescribed burns in the Talladega National Forest in Alabama and the Savannah Coastal National Wildlife Refuge in Georgia.
- Provided manual and mechanical fuel reduction on the White River National Refuge in Arkansas.
- Assisted in storm damage cleanup of the Pond Creek National Wildlife Refuge in southwest Arkansas due to severe ice storms that hit the area during the winter of 2000-2001.
- Signed a memorandum of understanding with the State of Mississippi to construct the Southeast Regional Interagency Fire Center, which will be home to the Jackson Hotshots.
- Assisted with relief efforts for the September 11, 2001, New York City terrorist tragedy.



A hotshot crew member, Emory Kelly III, works a fire line in Florida.

#### Wild Horses and Burros

- Facilitated the adoption of 2,648 wild horses and burros to adopters in the East.
- Completed 1,991 compliance inspections of untitled wild horses and burros.
- Issued 2,042 titles for adopted wild horses and burros.
- Hosted five Internet wild horse and burro adoptions.
- Arranged the adoption of four mustangs by the Connecticut Mounted Guard for parades, parades, and public events.
- Coordinated with the cable station, "Animal Planet," to film wild horses at an adoption in Jackson, Mississippi, for a program entitled, "A Pet Story."
- Arranged for the adoption of another trained mustang by the U.S. Army in Fort Myer, Virginia, for ceremonial caisson work in parades and burials at Arlington National Cemetery, making two mustangs now "on duty."
- Installed a wild horse and burro kiosk at the Jackson International Airport.
- Arranged the adoption of a mustang to be featured in a series of training articles in "Horse Illustrated."

- Won an award from the National Association of Interpreters for the Wild Horse and Burro CD-ROM, Version II.
- Disseminated information on the Wild Horse and Burro Program at several equine trade shows throughout the Eastern States, such as Equitana, U.S.A. and Equine Affair, which have an annual attendance of over 100,000.



A youngster feeds "Smokely," an adopted wild horse at the Business and Industry Teacher Exchange Day near Jackson, Mississippi.

#### Law Enforcement

- Supported the Wild Horse and Burro Program by conducting criminal investigations into allegations of abuse/neglect, abandonment, and illegal sales of wild horses and burros.
- Located previous adopters and animals for which title had not been requested or issued from over 900 case files for the Wild Horse and Burro Program.

#### Volunteers

- Volunteers worked a total of 15,435 hours, with a work value of over \$237,544 at events such as National Public Lands Days and in our offices to provide assistance to the General Land Office Records and Wild Horse and Burro Programs.
- Island Stewards volunteered 160 hours at Lake Vermilion and Ebow Lake to monitor island condition, clean up litter, and maintain a crucial link between local recreational users and the distant BLM office.

#### Partnerships

- Expanded America's Outdoors partnership/strategic planning to include the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Resources Conservation Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- Expanded the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Urban Tree House partnership to include the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' Forestry Division and Havenwoods Environmental Awareness Center in Wisconsin.
- Worked with Jackson State University in Mississippi, a Historically Black College and University, to plan the 2002 Mississippi Science Olympiad, where local high school students have an opportunity to create science projects.

- Coordinated with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to remove invasive weeds.
- Partnered with the Mississippi Natural Science Museum to erect a fire exhibit.
- Partnered with Piney Woods School to house a small wild horse holding facility, which allowed students to help care for the animals, thereby teaching them more about the wild horses and possible job opportunities.
- Continued a management partnership with Palm Beach County's Department of Environmental Resources Management for the Jupiter Inlet National Area.



The Jupiter Inlet National Area is managed through a partnership with Palm Beach County.

#### Congressional and State Government Outreach

- Made 167 contacts with Congressional offices to present information on our activities.
- Continued to work closely with State and local officials in our 31-State area of jurisdiction.
- Maintained an active membership in and supported the Eastern Lands and Resources Council to coordinate and collaborate with State governments.
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#### Customer Service

- Improved service to stakeholders and partners and was recognized as one of the leaders among BLM State Office organizations for stakeholder and partner satisfaction.
- Received the Salute to Business and Industry Award for medium businesses from the Jackson, Mississippi, Chamber of Commerce for contributions to the economy and quality of life within the community.
- Created a customer service action plan to improve programs and activities.
- Conducted an oil and gas field operations customer focus group in Shreveport, Louisiana.



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